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The House met at 10 a.m. and was called to order by the Speaker pro tempore (Mr. ESPAILLAT).

DESIGNATION OF SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore laid before the House the following communication from the Speaker:

WASHINGTON, DC,
November 17, 2021.

I hereby appoint the Honorable ADRIANO ESPAILLAT to act as Speaker pro tempore on this day.

NANCY PELOSI,
Speaker of the House of Representatives.

MORNING-HOUR DEBATE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to the order of the House of January 4, 2021, the Chair will now recognize Members from lists submitted by the majority and minority leaders for morning-hour debate.

The Chair will alternate recognition between the parties, with time equally allocated between the parties and each Member other than the majority and minority leaders and the minority whip limited to 5 minutes, but in no event shall debate continue beyond 11:50 a.m.

BIDEN'S BORDER CRISIS IS ADDING TO THE COVID CRISIS

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Tennessee (Mr. ROSE) for 5 minutes.

Mr. ROSE. Mr. Speaker, 10 months into the Biden administration and crisis defines this Presidency.

Since President Biden took office, we have faced crisis after crisis, not the least of which is at our southern border. Right now, the United States is experiencing the highest number of attempted illegal border crossings in 21 years. Some 1.7 million people were ap-

prehended attempting to enter the U.S. illegally in fiscal year 2021, ending September 30, which is a new record. Over 164,300 attempted to cross just in October. This is 128 percent increase from last October.

Since March 20, 95,000 illegal immigrants were released with notices to report on their honor. President Biden recently announced a hotly debated approach to limiting the spread of COVID-19, mandating vaccinations for Federal workers, Federal contract workers, healthcare workers, and anyone who works for a private business with over 100 employees. But take a guess as to who is not included in this wide-spread vaccine mandate—illegal immigrants.

While President Biden blames American citizens for the increase in COVID cases, he refuses to call out the record number of illegal immigrants entering the United States from COVID hotspots around the world who are potentially contributing to the spread of new and dangerous variants of the virus, like the delta, lambda, and mu strains.

On September 20, when White House Press Secretary Jen Psaki was asked about this double standard, she is quoted as saying, illegal immigrants didn't need to comply because "they are not intending to stay." What a laughable statement.

Once again, we are seeing the Biden administration choosing to put the interests of illegal immigrants above the interests of the American people. Why is President Biden allowing this ever-growing burden on the already strained resources of this country to continue unabated?

Our southern border is an ongoing, full-blown catastrophe and it should be treated as one. That is why I am calling on President Biden to finally address this historic disaster of his own making and at least make a good-faith effort to stem the flow of illegal immi-

gration, dangerous illicit drugs, and human trafficking in this country. And while he is at it, to implement stricter, more comprehensive and more effective COVID protections at our southern border.

SYSTEMIC RACISM IN THE JUDICIAL SYSTEM

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Texas (Mr. GREEN) for 5 minutes.

Mr. GREEN of Texas. Mr. Speaker, and still I rise, a proud, liberated Democrat.

Mr. Speaker, I rise today to address systemic racism in the judicial system. I believe one of the best ways to explain this and help persons understand with some degree of clarity is to use an example.

Let's use an example of a 25-year-old White man. Let us assume that he is jogging through a neighborhood near his home. Let's assume that he is accosted by three Black men in a truck with a liberation flag on it. And let us assume that when they accost him, one of them has a shotgun and there is an encounter with this person, who happens to be a Black man. The White man is jogging, the Black men are pursuing, and now there is an encounter.

Let's assume that this Black male shoots the White man, and in so doing, a case is brought to court by way of a video. Let's assume that in this case, the prosecutor is Black, that the judge is Black, and let's assume that the defense attorneys are able to select a jury that has 11 Black people, one White person.

Mr. Speaker, this happens quite often in our country. As a matter of fact, it can happen regularly in our country to Black people. Black people don't have the luxury of being tried by juries with 11 Black people on them. They are likely to be fewer than three. Black people don't have the luxury of being in a

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